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3. An unexecuted Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Seventeen (17) sheets of formal drawings.

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